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		Examiner Name	PHYLESHA LARVINIA DABNEY
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1001	770	2001 385 Utility filing fee	
		1002	340	2002 170 Design filing fee	
		1003	530	2003 265 Plant filing fee	
		1004	770	2004 385 Reissue filing fee	
		1005	160	2005 80 Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$)

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20	
		1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3	
		1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
		1204	86	2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
		1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$)

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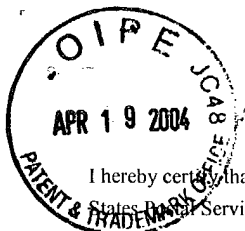
**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large	Entity	Small	Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
				1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
				1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
				1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
				1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for reexamination	
				1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
				1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
				1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
				1252	420	2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
				1253	950	2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
				1254	1,480	2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
				1255	2,010	2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
				1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
				1402	330	2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
				1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
				1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
				1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
				1453	1,330	2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
				1501	1,330	2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
				1502	480	2502 240 Design issue fee	
				1503	640	2503 320 Plant issue fee	
				1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
				1807	50	1807 50 Petitions related to provisional applications	
				1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
				8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
				1809	770	2809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
				1810	770	2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
				1801	770	2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	385
				1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)							130
37 CFR 1.17(i) Suspension of Action w/RCE							
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid SUBTOTAL (3)							(\$515)

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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VIA A FLOATING FILAMENT  
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Sir:

Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in order to (1) submit formal substitute drawings, and (2) to file an Information Disclosure Statement. Both of these items will be submitted within 60 days of this RCE filing, and Applicants request that no action on this case be taken until the new papers have been received.

The undersigned is Applicant's new counsel and will be submitting a substitute Power of Attorney shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

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